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#### JANUARY MEMBERS MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM.

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# WATERBUCKET



Wash Day

### MICHAEL RIDGE

[www.mikeridgestudios.com](http://www.mikeridgestudios.com)

Michael Ridge finds inspiration in his rural surroundings. Similarities between the central Pennsylvania landscape of his childhood, and the Vermont landscape where he now resides with his wife and child form a bridge for Michael between his past and present. He is drawn to the imprint humans leave on nature, from the working farm, to abandoned equipment left to rust. Realism is important in his work, and by striking a balance between control in details and the spontaneity and transparency inherent in watercolor, Michael has found a way to share the emotional connection he feels to the landscape

After graduating from Syracuse University with a BFA in sculpture, Michael worked as a mold technician at the NY based prototyping company, Art Asylum. In 2003, Michael moved to Vermont and spent 13 years as lead sculptor at Advanced Animations.

In 2016 Michael turned his focus full time to fine art, including watercolor painting and sculpture. He has been accepted in local, national, and international juried watercolor shows and has won numerous prestigious awards. His work has been published in *The Artists's* and *Watercolor Artist's* magazines and SPLASH. He has signature membership in the New England and Vermont Watercolor Societies.

## CALENDAR

January  
Members Meeting  
4:00 pm, Thurs, Jan 16  
VIA ZOOM

MICHAEL RIDGE

February  
Members Meeting  
4:00 pm, Thurs, Feb 20  
VIA ZOOM

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Watercolor friends,  
Another holiday season is done, and we are now heading into a new year. I don't know about you, but my New Year's resolution is to paint more! NFWS is there for you to help you with such endeavors. We have our monthly demos. There are members who teach watercolor. And there's always our watercolor friends who you can tap to accompany you to a workshop, paint out, or inspiring art exhibition.

Don't forget that our prospectus for the Spring 2025 is opening soon. This show is "watermedia", so there's a little more wiggle room for those who like to stretch the rules of transparent watercolor. Make sure that you get your entries in!

Keep the paint a'flowing!

**Deb Meier**, President  
pleinpalettart@gmail.com

**Kathleen Giles** in person and online. For Schedule and videos, go to <https://www.kgilesstudio.com/>

**Gord Jones**, CSPWC SCA, beginner/ intermediate watercolour in Haliburton Ontario. Contact Gord at <https://www.watercoloursbygordjones.com>, [gordonjones44@gmail.com](mailto:gordonjones44@gmail.com) or ph. 905-966-7193

International Center for Watercolor at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. **Jennifer Koury**, Beginning Watercolor, A Journey into the Magical Effects of Transparent Watercolor, Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 2025, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Fee: \$125 members/\$155 not-yet-members (for the workshop series). All supplies included. For other upcoming programming, refer to <https://burchfieldpenney.org/events/> or contact Kathy Gaye Shiroki at 716-878-3549 or [shirokkg@buffalostate.edu](mailto:shirokkg@buffalostate.edu)

**Jennifer Koury**. Also conducts classes at the Roycroft and Springville Art Center. For information, contact her at [jkouryillustration@verizon.net](mailto:jkouryillustration@verizon.net) or 716-655-5798.

**Deb Meier's** watercolor classes resume on Jan 8-Feb 26, North Forest location, Jewish Community Center. Advanced classes are on Wed, from 10-noon; beginners from noon-2pm. All materials are included in the cost. Call the JCC at 716-688-4033. She also facilitates the Studio Art class, Thur, noon-2pm. Artists provide their material of choice.

**Dan Meyer**, all levels in Williamsville, Clarence and Akron. Call 716-633-6282, cell 716-380-3554 or email [dmeyer101@verizon.net](mailto:dmeyer101@verizon.net).

**Sherryl Perez**. Weekly Watercolor Classes, all levels, Wednesdays, 12:30-3:00 pm, Wheatfield. Contact: 716-807-8227 or [Sherryl@sherrylperez.com](mailto:Sherryl@sherrylperez.com).

**Sheila Reigh**: beginner and intermediate watercolor, Town of Tonawanda Senior Center for members 60+. Contact Sheila 716-930-3305 or [sreigh@verizon.net](mailto:sreigh@verizon.net).

**Sally Treanor**, all levels, technical instruction via Zoom, Mondays, 9:30-noon. Contact Sally by text 716-912-1451 or email at [treanorsally@gmail.com](mailto:treanorsally@gmail.com). Free instructional videos On YouTube @sallytreanor54.

**Sandra Tyler**, beginning and intermediate watercolor in Perry and Wyoming, NY. Ph 585-689-3931.

**Louise Vacco** Contact: For classes 716-597-6371 or [LouiseVacco@gmail.com](mailto:LouiseVacco@gmail.com).

**Deanna Weinholtz**: Zoom Online, Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor and Watermedia Classes. Color Theory, Composition and Perspective for all levels.

[www.deannaweinholtz.com](http://www.deannaweinholtz.com). Contact Deanna: [deaweinholtz@gmail.com](mailto:deaweinholtz@gmail.com) or 716-863-6191.

**Becky Wilson**, beginning and intermediate level painters in Lockport. Phone 716-998-9052.

**Jody Ziehm** Check for her schedule at the Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry Street, N. Ton. [jodyziehm@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyziehm@yahoo.com) or text Jody at 716-940-3442

**THE COMMA**, Fine Art Gallery due to reopen in Orchard Park in March 2025 is seeking a gallerist/sales/marketing person to join their team. 15 HRS/WEEK - plus special event weekends. For more information please reply to [info@thecommafineart.com](mailto:info@thecommafineart.com)

**Danielle Cordorette-Acehan** had work accepted into *International Artist Magazine*.

**David Gardner's** painting, *Let Me See Here*, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2024 West Texas Watercolor Society Signature Show. He also attained Signature status with the Baltimore Watercolor Society in October '24, and had two paintings selected to be in The 2025 Arizona Aqueous Exhibition.

**Kathleen Giles'** painting, *Life, is Learning to Fly* has been accepted into the 2025 **American Watercolor Society** Show at the Salmagundi Club in New York City! Her painting of her grandson, *Life is a Reflection of Youth*, won the Edgar A Whitney Memorial award for Watercolor in the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Club art show at the Salmagundi Art club.

**Barbara Fox's** painting of her son's dog Tanka was a finalist in the annual competition of the Portrait Society of America.

**Annie Strack** had paintings juried into the Missouri Watercolor Society International Exhibition and Society of Watercolor Artists 2024 Member Exhibition. She earned Signature Status in SWA.

**From the Editor:**

**My apologies if we've missed some of your important activities this month. We love to celebrate with you but there is no magic that gives your stories to us. Please help us out by sending your news to [treanorsally@gmail.com](mailto:treanorsally@gmail.com) or by US Mail to Sally Treanor, 756 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222.**

**Thanks and Happy New Year!**

**January Members Meeting.**  
**MICHAEL RIDGE**  
January 16, 2025  
4:00 pm  
**VIA ZOOM**



**CARRIE WALLER'S**  
demonstration video from the  
November meeting is now available.

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